

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 24 are amended herein. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cashless method of pari-mutuel wagering comprising:
providing a gaming terminal at an establishment, the gaming terminal configured for a player to place a pari-mutuel wager on an event;
presenting a house card associated with a monetary account to a card reader in communication with the gaming terminal to access the monetary account for use at the gaming terminal;
depositing funds into the monetary account at the gaming terminal using at least one vehicle selected from the group consisting of cash, check, debit charge, credit card charge, and direct deposit;
placing a pari-mutuel wager at the gaming terminal on an event using at least a portion of the funds of the monetary account; and
placing a cashless purchase, ~~other than dissociated with~~ a pari-mutuel wager, using the house card at the establishment and at least another portion of the funds of the monetary account at a terminal independent of each gaming terminal provided by the establishment.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein placing the cashless purchase using the house card is effected before placing the pari-mutuel wager.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising using the house card to access a secure area at the establishment.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising using the house card to access an informational display at the establishment.
6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein depositing funds into the monetary account at the gaming terminal comprises adding additional funds to the monetary account.
7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein placing a pari-mutuel wager at the gaming terminal on an event using at least a portion of the funds of the monetary account comprises sending a request for allocation of the at least a portion of funds to a remote computer in communication with the card reader.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising updating the monetary account with winnings from a result of the pari-mutuel wager.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting the house card from the group consisting of a smart card, a magnetic strip card, a radio frequency identification transmitter, and a card encoded with a bar code or other coded indicia.
11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting the house card to have a predenominated amount of funds.
12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising requiring that the player remove the house card prior to placing the pari-mutuel wager.

13. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising verifying the identity of the player prior to the player accessing the at least a portion of funds.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising using a personal identification number, a key, a smart card, an electronic button for entering a personal identification number in a user interface of the gaming terminal, a finger print imaging device, or a retinal scan to verify the identity of the player.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting the event to be a sporting event.

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising forwarding information regarding an outcome of the pari-mutuel wager over a communication link.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein forwarding information comprises sending the information using text messaging.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein forwarding information comprises sending the information using email.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting the house card to be associated with a first monetary account and with a second monetary account associated with a debit card account or a credit card account, and using the at least a portion of the funds from the first monetary account to place the pari-mutuel wager.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 20, further comprising crediting the first monetary account with a predetermined percentage of a purchase placed using funds from the second monetary account.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, further comprising selecting the funds from the first monetary account to be only available for use at the establishment.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 20, further comprising transferring funds between the first monetary account and the second monetary account.

24. (Currently Amended) A cashless method of pari-mutuel wagering comprising:
providing a gaming terminal at an establishment, the gaming terminal configured for a player to place a pari-mutuel wager on an event;
providing a house card comprising an anonymous token card in which the identity of the player is not known to the establishment;
presenting the house card associated with a monetary account to a card reader in communication with the gaming terminal to access at least a portion of funds of the monetary account for use at the gaming terminal by debiting the monetary account;
placing a pari-mutuel wager at the gaming terminal on an event using the at least a portion of the accessed funds; and
placing a cashless purchase ~~other than placing~~ dissociated with placing a pari-mutuel wager using the anonymous token card at a nongaming terminal provided by the establishment to debit at least another portion of the funds of the monetary account.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein placing the cashless purchase using the anonymous token card is effected before placing the pari-mutuel wager.

27. (Original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising selecting the gaming terminal to include the card reader.

28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising updating the monetary account with winnings from a result of the pari-mutuel wager.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising requiring the player to remove the anonymous token card prior to placing the pari-mutuel wager.

30 and 31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) The method according to claim 24, wherein accessing the at least a portion of funds comprises sending a request for an allocation of the at least a portion of funds to a remote computer in communication with the card reader.

33. (Original) The method according to claim 32, wherein accessing the at least a portion of funds further comprises the remote computer forwarding the request to an electronic funds transfer system.

34 and 35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising selecting the event to be a sporting event.

37. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising forwarding information regarding an outcome of the pari-mutuel wager over a communication link.

38. (Original) The method according to claim 37, wherein forwarding information comprises sending the information using text messaging.

39. (Original) The method according to claim 37, wherein forwarding information comprises sending the information using email.

40. (Previously presented) A cashless method of pari-mutuel wagering comprising:
inputting a unique identifier associated with a first monetary account over a communication link
with a remote computer;
accessing at least a portion of funds from the first monetary account;
placing a pari-mutuel wager over the communication link on an event using the at least a portion
of the accessed funds;
placing a purchase of goods or services sold at an establishment, other than a pari-mutuel wager,
over the communication link using another portion of the funds;
selecting a house card to be associated with the first monetary account and a second monetary
account associated with a debit card account or a credit card account; and
crediting the first monetary account when a purchase is placed using funds from the second
monetary account.

41. (Original) The method according to claim 40, wherein inputting the unique identifier comprises inputting an account number using a touch tone telephone.

42. (Original) The method according to claim 41, further comprising inputting a unique secondary identifier number using the touchtone telephone.

43. (Original) The method according to claim 40, wherein placing the pari-mutuel wager over the communication link comprises inputting the pari-mutuel wager using a touch tone telephone.

44. (Original) The method according to claim 40, wherein placing the pari-mutuel wager over the communication link comprises inputting a code corresponding to a specific pari-mutuel gaming establishment.

45. (Original) The method according to claim 40, wherein inputting the unique identifier comprises inputting an account number into a user interface of a website that communicates with the remote computer.

46. (Original) The method according to claim 45, further comprising inputting a unique secondary identifier into the user interface of the website that communicates with the remote computer.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Canceled)

49. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising adding funds to the first monetary account associated with the house card.

50. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising selecting the house card to have a predenominated amount of funds.

51. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising selecting the first monetary account to be associated with a debit or credit card.

52. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising updating the first monetary account with winnings from a result of the pari-mutuel wager.

53. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising verifying the identity of the player prior to the player accessing the at least a portion of funds.

54. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising selecting the house card from the group consisting of a smart card, a magnetic strip card, a radio frequency identification transmitter, and a card encoded with a bar code or other coded indicia.

55 and 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising selecting the at least a portion of funds from the first monetary account to be only available for use at the establishment.

58. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising transferring funds between the first monetary account and the second monetary account.

59. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 40, further comprising selecting the house card to comprise an anonymous token card in which the identity of the player is not known to the establishment.

60. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting the house card to comprise an anonymous token card in which the identity of the player is not known to the establishment.

61. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising adding additional funds to the monetary account.

62. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 61, wherein adding additional funds to the first monetary account comprises depositing funds into the first monetary account at the gaming terminal.

63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 62, wherein depositing funds into the first monetary account at the gaming terminal comprises depositing funds into the first monetary account using at least one of cash, check, debit charge, credit card charge, direct deposit, vouchers, and a winning ticket.